## SOCIETY IN THE STATE.

GAY EVENTS IN OTHER LOCALITIES.

Enjoyable Entertainments in Lynchburg. Norfolk and Elsewhere-A Week of Universal Gayety at All Points.



LYNCHBURG, Jan. 21, 1892. HE Tuesday Club er. At 7 o'clock it poppy: Etta was raining as if it

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of conversazione, each guest boding requested to speak on some subject indicated on the card of invitation. This, at first thought, would seem rather a difficult and embarrassing thing to do, but so great is Mrs. Hamner's fact and case as hostess and interlocutor that nobody feels at all diffident, but as if they were doing and saying the most natural thing in the world. It is rather a novel style of entertainment in Lynchburg, and it takes ease, culture and ready wit on the part of a hostess, all of which Mrs. Hamner possesses, and is ably assisted by her agreeable hus and, who, by his lively sallies and diversions, is the life of the "goodlie companie." Next on the list comes a very stylish tea, given by Miss Lucy Pendleton, of Garland Hill, to her guest, Miss Soonsat, of Washington, 1, C. Cards indicate the hours from 5 to 5, but no doubt long after that time a "favored few" will remain to enjoy the hospitality which has Fendleton knows ao well how to

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At Mrs. Direm's to-night the "Relping Cir-cle" will give a concert for the benefit of the poor, at which some of the best amateur tal-ent in the city will assist. Mrs. N. U. Man-son, Jr., Mrs. John H. Lewis, Misses Hutter and Miss Hamner will lend their aid, and as it is for a most worthy and suffering cause, we carnestly hope they will be liberally patron-tead. Dr. Owen's condition was reported very un-

favorable on yesterday, and serious fears are entertained for the result. The skies are clear and bright once again.

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ball, the first entertainment of the Assembly this season. Being leap-year and this being an affair gotten up by the young ladies only, the tables were turned and leagh girl had to ask a man to dance with her at the ball. The german clubs were invited in a body as well as a good many other gentlemen, as there were a good many stags, but for the past two weeks you would see knots of men here and there and the principal question on the lips of all of them was, have you an engagement for the ball? It was very amusing to see how very uneasy some would get as time went on and no girl had asked them. The girls were never half so afraid of them. The girls were never half so afraid of them. The girls were never half so afraid of them. The girls were never half so afraid of them. The girls were never half so afraid of them. The girls were never half so afraid of them. The girls were never half so afraid of them. The girls were never half so afraid of them. The girls were never half so afraid of them. The girls were never half so afraid of them. The girls were never half so afraid of them. The girls were never half so afraid of them. The girls were never half so afraid of them. The girls were never half so afraid of them. The girls were never half so afraid of them. The girls were never half so afraid of them. The girls were never half so afraid of them. The girls were never half so afraid of them was have you and the sold. It came of fluirsian half with a fall saik and roses. Miss nose, cream henrietta. The following gentlemen were present: Messrs.

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E. White, F. F. Allen, E. F. F. Dunlap, W. F. Tinsley, O. C. Morris, f. M. Moseley, Ha T. Neison, Charles Wingfield, J. V. C far beyond the expectations of the most sanguine. The Montefiore Hall was the scene of action, and it was exquisitely decorated with garlands of flowers festioned from pillar to pillar and from all the chandeliers to the ceiling. Flowers of every description were used. The stage was a latticework in which were woven vines, roses, daisies, apple blossoms, poppies and many other flowers. Palms were placed in the corners and along the front of the stage, and behind this mass of flowers the the stage, and behind this mass of flowers the music was concealed. The supper room was dressed in very much the same way as the dancing hall, and the table was decorated with quantities of natural flowers. The dancers showed perfect taste in dressing and the costumes were levely Among those present were Misses present were: Misses Emily Baker, white hyacitht. Salli- walke, nosegay; Fannie Leigh La France rose; Bessie Taylor, pink rose; Blauche Hendren, water lilv, Leda Serpell, buttercup; Mary Taylor, dairs; Pink Ramsay, rosebud; Rosa Serpell, lilv of the valley; Clara Borum, heatherbell; Eloise White; buttercup; Mrs. James P. Higginson, ivy. Minnie Baker, peach blossems; Blande Taylor, marguerites; Annie Walke, jacqueminot rose; Lallian Archer, yellow rose; Bessie

Chamberlaine, sweet violets; Miss Hurcamp, of Fredericksburg, pink rose; Miss W. H. kennedy, roses red and violets blue. Miss Billinsoly, sweetbrier: Misses Kate Bell, white rose; Jennie Blamire, hydrangea Mary Hill, daisies; Lizzie Hill, American beauties; Evy Walker, Lizzie Hill, American beauties; Evy Walker, marguerites; Belle Irvine, Riies of the valley; Sophia Pickett, violets; Mrs. W. M. Reed, mignonette: Mrs. Thomas Willcox, lily of the valley; Bessie Tucker, La France roses: Sadie Tucker, white hyacinths: Annie Chamberlaine, water lily; Ethel Bain, pink rose; Mrs. Morgan, violets; Miss Buford, of Bedford City, butter, violets; Miss Buford, of Bedford City, butter, cup. Sue Johnstone, heliotrope Marion Stres, lily of the valley; Luey Baylor, butter, cup. Janie, Smith, of Danville, pansy; white carnations. gave a most enjoyable german at Calisthenic Hall last night, which was largely attended, notwithstanding the very inclement weather. At 7 o'clock it Paper 1. Stires, his of the valley: Luny Baylor, buttercup, Janie Smith, of Danville, pansy; Blanche Smith, pink rose; Ellie Murdaugh, yellow rose Lizzie Freeman, pink rose, Lula Pash, of Petersburg, pink rose, Miss Leaven worth, of Petersburg, Sne Yeatman, poppy: Etta Smith, forget-me-not; Lizzie Poppy:

The Misses Tucker, of Raleigh, who on their never intended doing former visits to Norfolk have made so many friends, are now in the city visiting Mrs. John

Winder.
Miss Octavia Winder was in the city Wed-

anything else, at snowing and raining together and at 9 a region of dissioned residues form was in the city wealth and the stone of the country of triends to see ternhard; Miss Jane Smith, of Danville, came down from Riemmond to attend the flower ball, and stopped wide Miss Janes Smith, of Danville, came down from Riemmond to attend the flower ball, and stopped wide Miss Janes Leich.

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Hirsh, and others.

Mr. Columbus A. Monros, of Fanquier county, and Miss Maggie, daughter of Mr. Humobrey 10 dd, of Staturd county, were married at the home of the bride's father last Wednesday evening, Rev. C. W. Brooks of ficiating. The bride was the recipient of many useful and valuable presents.

> CERTON FORGE, Jan. 23, 1892. "Thus things are strangely wrought, While jo thi May doth last; Take May in time when May is gone The pleasant time is past."

By a slight change in the wording of the above quotation, it may be equally as well ap-plicable to the fleeting season of indoor pas-times, for the hours are short and the days times, for the hours are short and the days are few during which members of the houral ranks may avail themselves of the festivities brought on by the long winter evenings. The "Chriton German Cluo" seems to be cognizant of these facts. Last evening it gave the second of a series of several and considering all thing, was a very successful social anair. Mr. H. T. Nelson an easy stepper and graceful dancer led. The lastics present were. Mrs. King, black sik and lace. Mrs. Campbell, black sik and dumonds. Mrs. T. M. Moseley, brocaded China silk trimmed with lace. Mrs. O. C. Morris, white dotted mull, Mrs. H. T. Nelson, pink silk, trimmed with pink roses and generated the silk trimmed with pink roses.

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# Williamsburg.

Williamsburg, Va., Jan. 23.—One of the most enjoyable entertainments of the season, a leap year ball, was given on Thursday evening last at I see Hall by the young ladies who live in that visinity.

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The music was furnished by the Howard brothers, and dancing was indulged in until the early hours of the following day. During

made by the superintendent of the Sunday school. Miss Lizzie Creasey, of Newport News, sang a solo, which was highly enjoyed, after which she recited a humorous selection, much to the amusement of those assembled, much to the amusement of those assembled. The exercises were closed with a hymn, after which the cathering dispersed, all voting it a which the gathering dispersed, all voting it a

grand success.

Miss Mackie Powers, of Clarke county. Va.,
is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Page, wife of
Rev. T. C. Page, rector of Bruton-parish

church.

Miss Berta Olcott, of Richmond, is here visiting Miss Jeanie Mercer, daughter of Mr. John L. Mercer, on Francis street.

Mr. Caxton Lively, of Covington, Ky., spent several days of this week here, his old home. He came to attend the wedding of Miss Laura

The funeral of William Green, for years jenit r of our court bonse, took place yester-day. Death was caused by pneumonia.

Miss Annie Jordan, of Smithfield, is here
visiting her sister, Mrs. Lane, Jr.

Mr. Ewell Scott, of James City, grandson of the venerable Colonel Benjamin S. Ewell, has been offered a very lucrative position at Navyort Navy

Newport News Mrs. Frank Brown, of Jamestown Island, is visiting Mrs. R. M. Smith East End. Mr. Robert G. Barlow, a well-known local

W. H. H. Allen, of the firm of Codwise & Mailen, the big Washington (D. C.) railroad contractors, is in the city, stopping at the Virginia [I tel.]

a star. The play is a sportaine panorama of refined conde opera and specialty business in which there is remarkably good dancing, some excellent singing and exeruciating and amazing situations in great number. The entire play is capital in conception and cast. The fun is intense and the run-makers dashine and daring. Everything is comedy, rich most vivacions kind and memorable melody. Miss darbeau is wonderful. She has beauty and with force, form and action, and can dance with almost the grace and swiftness of fashes of light. The way she sings for topical songs is a delicious revelation. The authence will be quite carried away with her imitation of Mule. Theo's "where Are You Going My Pretty Mode" Miss Jarbeau is dashing and cognettish in all she does. Her laughing eyes are always in steps. She uses her voice, which is a sweet and pure, in a singing quite a number of pretty songs, and she intiles in the authence, and life in everything from start to finish.

Miss Jar'ican's support is first-class, Every member of the company does something ore itable. Ross Snow is an eccentric company of the company does something are itable. Ross Snow is an eccentric company of the company does something are itable. Ross Snow is an eccentric companied in the first company of the company does something are itable. Ross Snow is an eccentric companied in the first company of the company does something are itable. Ross Snow is an eccentric companied in the first company of the company does something are itable. Ross Snow is an eccentric company of the company of the ladies of the says provokes laughter. Harry Crandrall, as the Gorman, is good. The ladies of the

median of excellent methods, and every word he says provokes laughter. Harry Crandrail, as the German, is good. The ladies of the company are extremely handsome, and in the last act their figures will be robed. The sale of seats for the entire week opens Monday at 9 A. M., and with such a variety of fine attractions the New Kichmond Theatre will likely be crowded the entire week.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett's beautiful story. "Lattle Lord Fountlery," about which so much has been written in praise, will be presented in our city Tuesday night and

presented in our city Tuesday night and special matines the same day.

This play is perbaya more in the air now than any production of recent years, and there seems to be but one mind as regards its charm. In New York, London and Melbourns it is emaily well received and in the South, West and North of our own country it has done a wonderful business, which conveys an idea of its singular merits. Every shade and grade of humanity appears to enjoy with even heartness the pretty story. By its grited spell the world is made kin, and the best in human nature is brought out to brighten and better all who see it.

These experiences are not often met, and it as given to few met or their works to bring them into conscious being. "Fauntleroy," some one has said, is like sunstance to the lowers. It softens the hardest lines in one's

lowers. It softens the hardest lines in one solide and nature. It proves the lender regard for home, mother and children, and through these visible emotions that poor, abused human nature is all right after all. Who will find fault with the reading of a book or the witnessing of a play that can accomplish this. The play is now the admiring talk of the world, and no one can afford to miss it. The company is under the management of Carl A. Ha-win, of the Broadway Theatre, Grand Opera House and Madi-on Sonare Garden, New York, and is commended in the most positive terms by the critiss everywhere. This cught to be, and no doubt will be, one of the most brilliant engagements of the season, It softens the hardest lines in one's

The company is a most excellent one, being owned by Mr. T. Henry French, the theatrical magnate of New York city. After the mati-nee all the ladies and children in the audience will be invited on the stage to meet the charming actresses. Mabel Walsh and Lilian Masterson who will act as hostesses in the beautiful "Orange Ten" that will be given. the "Tea" is not the only most enjoyable, but the little ones will be given an insight into life "behind the scenes." Ladies and child-ren always flock to see "Little Lord Fauntleroy" and Mr. French's company being such a superior large, and brilliant audiences are sure to greet this beautiful play.

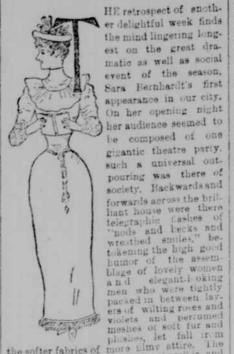
Henrico Circuit Court.

In the Circuit Court of Henrico yesterday In the Chrent Court of Henrico Yesterday, the case of Mallory against the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad Com-pany was decided, the plaintiff being awarded \$150 damages for the burning of his crops from sparks of an engine.

FOR DESPEPSIA. tion, and Stomach disorders, use BROWN'S IRON BITTERS. All dealers keep it. \$1 per bottle. Genuine has kade-mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

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The Divine Sarah and Her Fashionable Greeting-Germans, Teas, Stop Parties, Card Farties and Receptions... Personals.



supreme artist that the 'livine bara' is, and so used to the tribute of flattering appreciation, she could not but have been pleased with the greeting that she received here.

The Richmond German postponed its regular Monday evening entertainment to Wednesday, so as not to clash with the engagement of Bernhardt. In its success and brilliance, however, there was no change, as a Embroom destroy of the control of the cont

as a Richmond german upon eny other night as well as "a rose by any other name," ste. Among the ladies present were Mrs. Lus-sell Robinson, Mrs. William Trigg, Mrs. George Ross, Mrs. C. C. McPhuil, Mrs. d. k. T. Anderson, Mrs. Realing S. Johnson, Mrs. Mrs. B. Fistridge has returned from Mexico. Mo., where she went to see her father, who was very ill with pheumonia.

William J. Nelson, Jr., of R. s. andreson, Mrs. Fradiey S. Johnson, Mrs. Writing his ester. Mrs. andre stong. Amberson, Mrs. Pradies S. Johnson, Mrs. Writing his ester. Mrs. andre stong. Amberson Mrs. Repaired to the drama "Piper Laptan Chaptengham Hall, of Richmond." Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Pradies S. Johnson, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Writing his ester. Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Repaired Raderson, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Mrs. P. G. Caledi, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. Moneure Persins, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. Moneure Persins, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. Moneure Persins, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. Moneure Persins, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. Moneure Persins, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. Moneure Persins, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. Moneure Persins, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. Milliam Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. Moneure Persins, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. Moneure Persins, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. Moneure Persins, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. Moneure Persins, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. Moneure Persins, Mrs. William Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. Moneure Persins, Mrs. Milliam Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. Moneure Persins, Mrs. Milliam Raderson, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. Moneure Persins, Mrs. Moneure Persins, Mrs. Moneure Persins

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Fattie Mo.n. Virgie Archer, Elise Williams, builth Carrington, Bessie Carrington, Martina Dagby, Mary Andersen, Ellen and Bland Clark, Mery and Gertrude Howard, Bettie Deane, Annie boggett, Mary May, Bettie and Carrie Powell, Helen and Maggie Stringfellow, Florence Tyler, Luke Nolting, Florence Nolting, Florence Warwick, Ellen London, Louise Williams, Adele Williams, Lizzie Townes, Mary Gilliam, Annie and Lelia Gray, Fessie Hill, Mary Young, Alice burwell, Mary Buil, Lidle Cannon, Mary Moore, Bessie Fauntieroy, At 9 o'clock a delightful game of progressive euchre was played by the young ladies receiv-

At 9 o clock a delightful game of progressive entire was played by the young ladies receiv-ing and the following young men. Dr. Ed-ward McGuire, Dr. James P. Roy. Mr. Theo-dore N. McAboy, Mr. Lovell Johns. Mr. Colhapin, Messrs, Nicholson, Gray, Winn

Mrs. Nora Leary gave a very enjoyable card party on Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. Dammon, of Baltimore. Among these present were: Mr. and Mrs. James Patton, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lathrop, Mr. and Mrs. Ren, Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Affred Grey, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Langhorne, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Montague, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stokes, Mrs. Artuur Lefray, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wortham, Sr., Dr. and Mrs. Isaiah White, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. White, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Davenport, Mrs. Bradley, Miss Lizzie Webb, Miss Lizzie Dammon, Miss Nina Taylor of Norfolk, Miss Helen Montague, Miss Nellie Neal, Messrs. Henry Cabell, Mrs. Nora Leary gave a very enjoyable card Miss Nellie Neal, Messrs, Henry Cabell,

Jo Lane Stern and others.

The first prize, a silver bon-bon spoon, was won by Miss Montague. The second prize, a silver pen-holder, was cast for by Mrs. Lathrop, Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Langhorne. a silver pen-noncer,
Lathrop, Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Langhorne,
the latter was the booby, won by Mrs. Montague. Mr. Cowardin carried off the gentleman's first prize—a silver pen-handle—and
Mr. Stern a pair of sleeve buttons.

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The Literary Club had a most interesting meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wyndham Meredith on Friday evening last. Scott's novels were charmingly discussed by Messrs. Frank Williams and Arthur Seddon, while Miss Mary Morris Jones, secretary of the club, read the minutes of the last meeting in a very delightful manner. Those present were Mrs. Joseph R. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Seddon, Miss Daniel, Misses Fleasants, Hope, Stewart, Anderson, Potts Branch, Jones, Misses Taylor, Cocke, Nelson and Cameron; Messrs, Darton of New son and Cameron; Messrs, Darton of New York, Cabell, Trent, Williams, Watkins, Bruce, Munford, Archer, Gaines, Page and Cabell.

On Friday evening the Whist Club had a delightful meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bosher.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr Branch entertained a few friends at a beautiful dinner on Wednesday against

nesday evening.
The "Junior German" danced a

brilliant cotifion at the Belvidere on Friday

evening.

January promises to go out in a blaze of glory in the seven days before us. The city is full of gay and charming strangers, distinguished representatives from the most polished society of many States, attracted thither by the great ball on the 17th and the many lesser constellations of gayety grouped around it around it

The court of King James the First in all its magnificence will soon be gazed upon, and in royal beauty it promises to eclipse all historic record of such scenes.

The appearance of Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, the cultured English actors is a rare dramatic treat before us for the aftermath of the ball.

ball.
On Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 the Kendals will be entertained at a small reception by Mr. and Mrs. John Danlop.
Mr. and Mrs. William Wright of Philadelphia. Mrs. John Lewis of Lynchburg and Mr. Murray make a charming little party, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Langh rne, for whom they will give a tea on Monday afternoon. telegraphic hashes of whom noon.

The next meeting of the "Greenbrier Stop Club" will be entertained by Mrs. F. D.

The Tuesday German will give its dance at the Belvidere on Tuesday next. Mrs. Andrew Christian entertains the "Thursday Club" at her home on Sixth street Christian.

this week.
Thursday in the West End last week presented on te a gala scene. The sunshine brought out all the fair ones as it does the brought out all the fair ones as it does the flowers in spring and in their elegant visiting costumes they were like a movable reception, going from one home to another. The scenes within were warm and radiant with luxury, the hostesses in full dress and serving their callers with all manner of choice definites, while the plow of lamplight softened the beautiful effect. Truly are we a lavish and elegant people when these informal feasts are equal to any that or old, invitations days allead bid one prepare for.

Miss Marie Blair, who has been recently indisposed will this week resume her literary classes. On Wednesday the study of Brown-ing will be completed with the drams. "Piper

Miss Imagen Morri is the guest of Mrs. C.

## A Speint Session.

Springue's elever company of comedians will present this captivating comedy to a big business Monday night at the Theatre. A Social Section is advertised as a very funny.

Who of the June 1862, dawned bright and

A time Entertainm on Mombay at the Theatre
The excellent orchestra carried by "A Social Session" Company is a significant departure in farce comedy. The management
of that attraction has managerated a musical
reform that must inevitably be followed by
the attractions that have embodied in their
play an extensive reportoire of catchy music.
Ivery one who knows any thing about
music must resize how nearly impossible it
becomes for a local orchestra, no matter how
efficient, to handle from forty to sixts music
cues with but a single hour's rehearsal, and
how an evening's entertainment, no matter
now meritorious, may be spoiled and condemned simply because the orchestra had not
been sufficiently rehear-ed, or was incapable
of remarring the missic. The music in "A
Social Session" is of a higher and more difficuit class than is embodied in any other
larce-e medy, n tably in the last act of the cult class than is embodied in any other larce-c medy, n tably in the last act of the play, which presents the final rehearsal of a burlesque opera. The music is culled from all the standard grand and comic operas, and contains genus from "Said Pasha. "Trovatore" "Riggoletto," "The Marquis," "Tarver de savile, "Somnambula," "Fra Diavolo," "Traviata," "Faust," "Poet and Peasant," "Carmen" and many others, and is not ing but a succession of music cues and trick work. Nine out of ten local orchestras would be incapable of handling it, and it will not be wondered at when it is known that before the opening of the season it requires from six to opening of the season it requires from six to ten days steady rehearsal before the perform ance will move with the precision of clock work. The orchestra with "A Social Session" an excellent one and will prove a welcome

"Something different" is said to apply in comparing "A Social Session" with the aver-age farce-comedy. It is said to be different, inasmuch as there is a thread of a plot and a inasmuch as there is a thread of a plot and a general consistency. a reason for everything that is done that obviates the necessity for horse play, and does away with that straining-for a laugh effect so a ticeable in the majority of popular farce-comedies. The dialogue is bright and funny, and the situations and scenes so unusual that the audience is kept continually convulsed with laughter, and the fun is of a quality that does not require any hard thinking to appreciate. The play was hard thinking to appreciate. The play was written for laughing purposes only and can be aptly and correctly termed a laughing success. At the Theatre Monday night only.

Music and humor will hold high carnival at the New Richmond Theatre on Monday, Jan-uary 25th, when Sprague's company of come-dians, augmented by the famous Black Hus-sar band and Star Orchestra, present their latest comedy success, "A Social Session."
The play is said to be intensely funny and to
possess rare charm of originality, while the
scenes and situations follow one upon the
other with a naturalness and unique humor that fairly captivates the audience. Few comedies have embodied in them so many delight-ful melodies, and the attention of the listener is absorbed from beginning to end. The company carries a superb orchestra that is an attraction in itself and necessary to a smooth and perfect production of the plax.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION.

The Merits of the Kent Bill Argued Before the Committee Postponed.

The House Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation held another meeting yesterday morning with Chairman John F. Ryan as presiding officer. A committee from the Chamber of ding officer. A committee from the Chamber of Commerce was in attendance to advocate the passage of the Railroad Commission bill introduced by Mr. R. C. Kent, of Wythe, Among those present were Mesars. S. W. Travers. John R. West. James D. Crump, S. G. Crenshaw, E. G. Leigh, etc. Mr. J. Randolph Tucker, Jr., counsel for the Chamber of Commerce, made a lengthy argument in favor of the bill, which took up the whole morning, until the members had to leave to attend the session of the Heuse. He quoted from the reports of railroad commiss. leave to attend the existion of the House. He quoted from the reports of railroad commissioners of Georgia, illinois and Missouri, who were all in favor of the passage of such a bill. He thought the only possible objects a against the bill could be raised if the Railroad Commission should decide that a certain railroad company should adopt lower freight rates for certain classes of freight cattle for trailroad. cattle, for instance. The decision of the commission being considered prima facial correct the company would be compelled to obey orders until a final decision in the courts should be reached. If this decision should be in favor of the company then the latter would be out of pocket the difference between the two rates until the decision of the court had been rendered.

Mr. kent stated that in framing the bill the matter had given by the reachest to the court had been rendered.

Mr. Kent stated that in framing the bill this matter had given him the greatest trouble, and he had finally decided on a provision which says that if the commission determines on a lower rate notice shall be given to the company that such change should be made wit, in a reasonable time—say within thirty days. Within that time any company could secure redress in the Chancery Court of Richmond and a decision could be reached before the time stipulated for the change had arrived.

arrived.
Mr. Tucker stated that he did not claim that the creation of a railroad commission in this State would increase railroad service, but in other States the service had proven to be as other States the service had proven to be a active after an establishment of a commission as before. During the first nine months of 1890, about a year after the railroad commission had been created in Georgia, that State was in the lead in the United States in regard to the laying of new tracks. The railroad companies were opposed to the bill for the reason that they did not want any restriction legislation; because their earnings were smaller than those of most of the other discussion of business. The reports of the interview. of business. The reports of the other of business. The reports of the inter-Commerce Commission since its estimated that the railr ads of the in-States averaged a net earning of States, The capital aggregated bullions of dollars, but they claimed the provider of the continuous control of the control of billions of dollars, but they claimed that all the existing roads could's chapterast for much less than one-half of that amount the actual cost being about four billions of dollars. The difference between the two amounts was what they called in courtesy a preciation of values, but what in last was watering of the stock. The companies claim to earn only 3% per cent, on the amount of money invested. The ballions, while they actually earned 715 percent, on the amount of money invested. The assertion that the charges for freight on the roads of Virginia were as live if not lower, than in any other State of the Union was misleading, because the principal roads in the State get the larger part of their tonnare from the products on mines, and while the freight charges on oresecal, iron, etc., were low, the rates on agricultural products, which were about 9 percent, of the total tonnage, were open to criticism. ism.

be heard in opposition to the passage of the bill, but owing to the lack of time they were requested to appear before the committee GENERAL JOSEPH R. ANDERSON.

business Monday night at the Theatre. A Social Session is advertised as a very funny, and withal consistent farce-comedy. It abounds in unusually fonny situations, bright stalogue and catchy music and goes along with a dash and wim from the opening overture until the finale. The musical numbers are strong and catchy, and of sufficient variety to suit my musical faste.

Harry F. Hall, as the Yankee farmer, is very clever, and gives an excellent portraval of the New England havesed on his native heath. Jaines Hennessy as the gentleman of color, is fuonly and gives the part a smack of naturalness without burlesquing. Harry it, iteche, as the actor, and Charles Whiting, as the dude, are very favorably received. Miss and so the dude, are very favorably received. Miss and so the dude, are very favorably received. Miss and so the dude, are very favorably received. Miss and so the dude, are very favorably received. Miss and so the dude, are very favorably received. Miss and so the dude, are very favorably received. Miss and so the dude, are very favorably received when the dude in the first deadly graphe with each other at Mechanics with his Pennsylvania. "Uncertainty strong, but which had been rendered almost imprognable by earthworks and an shattis of telled trees. Hill, festing its way, reached the front of Forter about near way, reached the front of Forter about a or a little later, and formed line of ba His first line was composed of a brigade Georgians, the second of General Charles is had a brigade, consist ag then of the Forty-seventh, lofty-fifth and Sixtlet Virginia regiments and the Twenty-second

Virginia regiments and the Twenty-second Virginia battallon.

About 2 F. M. an advance was ordered and the two lines moved stendily forward to the assault. On reaching the crest of the bill confronting Porter's position, the leading brigade encountered a storm of grape, canister and mine balls, and in a moment or two unable to withstand the deadly first which it was subjected, gave way and feel buck, a part breaking through the supporting e-dumn of Field, throwing his line into temporary discorder.

order.
Just at this critical moment the attention of Just at this critical moment the attention of the writer was attracted to a general officer of commanding figure, who was moving along the broken into enfeavoring to rally his mean and exhorting them to stand firm. Seizing the colors of one of the remments, he planted it near the crest of the hill, and by entreaty and example soon gathered around it the more introduct of his command. The tide of battle was rushing on, hien were falling on either hand, but even amild the storm of battle one could pause long enough to inquire the name of an officer songuenous for his gallantry. On that field the writer first saw and learned to admire the hon-hearted courage of one, now a prominent hon-hearted courage of one, now a prominest citizen of Richmond—General Joseph L. Anderson—under whose quiet demeanor, as he moves daily about our streets, one would scarcely recognize the hero of this incident.

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A Ghostly Story From West Virginia

The Baltimore American of yesterday has the following extraordinary story. The town of Adamston, near Clarksburg, is considerably exercised over mysterious hightly occurrences at a house on the William Summit road. Lights are reported in the house mentioned, and sounds of revelry and music heard for a quarter of a mile from the place. It was thought that a gang of tramps had taken possession of the place, and last week a number of citizens visite; the place week a number of citizens visited the place to clean them out. They found the horse to clean them out. They found the horse bare of everything. The preplace showed no traces of recent use, although previously the chimneys had been smoking, and lights in the windows showed large fires in every grate. The desolate appearance of the place had such a gruesome effect, even in the daylight that they did not stay long. The same might about twenty men started out to solve the mystery, reaching the house about midnight, and, as usual, found it brilliantly illuminated, and heard the sound f violins, banjos and other instruments, with the shouts of revelry. The visitors fired several shots from their revolvers, but the sound seemed to increase. Five of the boldest plucked up courage to knock at the door, but as they did so the door flew open with great violence, the lights were extinguished and they were greeted with a blast of coid air that aimost threw them from their feet. They groued their way back to their companions, who lit their lanterns, and on looking into the features of the five men, found that they were blackened as if colored with coal dust. The whole party then visited the house and found everything as they saw it in the morning. The house was formerly occupied by a well-to-do family, who saw it in the morning. The house was formerly occupied by a well-to-do family, who claimed to be relatives of the notorious Jesse James, who made it his headquarters during his raid in West Virginia. After his death the dwellers in the house disappeared, and the house remained empty. What causes the curious phenomena is a mystery, and, if a joke, no clew has been found to the perpetrators. The house will be razed to the ground, as its reputation hurts neighboring property.

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